

# City of Seven Hills

Record of Minutes of

COUNCIL MEETING HELD May 22, 2017

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This Regular Council Meeting was called to order by Council President Matthew A. Trafis at 8:04 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **ROLL CALL**

Present and accounted for were Mayor Dell'Aquila, Director of Law Pignatiello, Councilman-at-Large Bicker, Councilman-at-Large Kraynak, Councilman-at-Large Trafis, Ward 1 Councilman Biasiotta, Ward 2 Councilman Fraundorf, Ward 3 Councilman Kukral, Ward 4 Councilman Petro, and Director of Public Service and Properties Lovece. Absentee was Building Commissioner Vittardi.

## **READING AND DISPOSAL OF JOURNAL**

**MOTION** by Mr. Fraundorf, seconded by Mr. Kukral, to accept the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held April 10, 2017, as printed.  
Roll Call: all yea **MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION** by Mr. Fraundorf, seconded by Mr. Biasiotta, to table the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held April 24, 2017.  
**Mr. Fraundorf** stated:  
"The subject minutes are not yet ready for publication."  
Roll Call: all yea **MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION** by Mr. Fraundorf, seconded by Mr. Biasiotta, to accept the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held April 28, 2017, as printed.  
Roll Call: all yea **MOTION CARRIED**

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION** by Mr. Fraundorf, seconded by Mr. Petro, to accept the Consent Agenda of May 22, 2017, as printed.  
Roll Call: all yea **MOTION CARRIED**

## **RESOLUTIONS OF COMMENDATION**

There were no Resolutions of Commendation.

## **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

### **Planning, Zoning, and Economic Development**

Planning, Zoning, and Economic Development Committee Chairman Trafis stated that the Committee last met on Monday evening, May 15, 2017, and the minutes from that meeting are forthcoming. Mr. Trafis stated that the Committee will hold its next regular meeting on Monday, June 19, 2017.

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## **Public Works**

Public Works Committee Chairman Petro stated that the Committee will hold its next regular meeting on Monday evening, June 5, 2017.

## **Community Services**

Community Services Committee Chairman Bicker stated that the Committee last met on Monday evening, May 1, 2017, and the minutes from that meeting are on file with the Clerk of Council. Mr. Bicker stated that the Committee will hold its next regular meeting on Monday, June 5, 2017.

## **Police and Fire**

Police and Fire Committee Chairman Kraynak stated that the Committee last met on Monday evening, May 15, 2017, and the minutes from that meeting are forthcoming. Mr. Kraynak stated that the Committee will hold its next regular meeting on Monday, June 19, 2017.

## **Parks and Recreation**

Parks and Recreation Committee Chairman Kukral stated that the Committee last met on Monday evening, May 15, 2017, and the minutes from that meeting are forthcoming. Mr. Kukral stated that the Committee will hold its next regular meeting on Monday, June 19, 2017.

## **Rules, Ordinances, and Ethics**

Rules, Ordinances, and Ethics Committee Chairman Biasiotta stated that the Committee last met on Monday evening, May 1, 2017, and the minutes from that meeting are on file with the Clerk of Council. Mr. Biasiotta stated that the Committee will hold its next regular meeting on Monday, June 5, 2017.

## **Finance, Civil Service, and Personnel**

Finance, Civil Service, and Personnel Committee Chairman Fraundorf stated that the Committee last met on Monday evening, May 15, 2017, and the minutes from that meeting are forthcoming. Mr. Fraundorf stated that the Committee will hold its next regular meeting on Monday evening, June 5, 2017.

## **APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS**

**Mayor Dell'Aquila** stated:

“I have two appointments for this evening that I would like Council to consider. The first -- I would ask that Council lift the hiring freeze and confirm the appointment of Sonja Herwick to the Full-Time position of Municipal Finance Director commencing Friday, May 26, 2017.”

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**MOTION** by Mr. Trafis, seconded by Mr. Fraundorf, to lift the hiring freeze and accept and confirm the Mayor's appointment of **Sonja Herwick** to the position of **Full-Time Finance Director**, commencing Friday, May 26, 2017.

**Council President Trafis** stated:

"I would just like to say that Sonja is in the audience and I had the opportunity to meet her a couple of times, and I am very excited to confirm this appointment this evening. I think you will be a great fit for our City, and I look forward to working with you in the months and years to come."

Roll Call: all yea

**MOTION CARRIED**

**THE APPOINTMENT OF SONJA HERWICK TO THE POSITION OF FULL-TIME MUNICIPAL FINANCE DIRECTOR, EFFECTIVE MAY 26, 2017, IS HEREBY ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED.**

**Mayor Dell'Aquila** addressed Council President Trafis stating, "I don't know whether it's appropriate, but would you care to invite Ms. Herwick to make a couple of remarks or perhaps join us on the dais?"

**Council President Trafis** responded, "Please do."

**Mr. Fraundorf** commented, "Nothing like being put on the spot."

**Council President Trafis** added, "Welcome aboard." *(There was laughter from those in attendance.)*

**Finance Director Herwick** stated, "So much appreciated. I look forward to working with all of you helping the citizens of Seven Hills."

**Council President Trafis and Mayor Dell'Aquila** invited newly-appointed **Finance Director Sonja Herwick** to join Council and the Administration on the dais.

**Director of Finance Sonja Herwick** left her seat in the audience and took her place on the dais.

**Mayor Dell'Aquila** continued, "Secondly -- I would like to request that Council lift the hiring freeze, and as we know, Aaron Lobas has resigned from the Planning Commission due to his imminent relocating outside of our community to a neighboring community. So, with the lifting of the hiring freeze, I would like to nominate Mr. David Sporar to complete the term once held by Aaron Lobas on the City's Planning Commission."

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**MOTION** by Mr. Trafis, seconded by Mr. Fraundorf, to lift the hiring freeze and accept and confirm the Mayor's appointment of **David Sporar** to fill the remaining balance of the term being vacated by former **Planning Commission Member**, Aaron Lobas.

**Council President Trafis** stated:

"I had the opportunity to meet with David once, we talked a couple of times -- new residents and I am very excited that you are getting involved with our City. You are going to bring a lot to the table on our Planning Commission. We are going to put you to work rather quickly, too. There are a lot good things ahead. Thank you for accepting this appointment."

Roll Call: all yea

**MOTION CARRIED**

**THE APPOINTMENT OF DAVID SPORAR TO THE POSITION OF PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER IS HEREBY ACCPTED AND CONFIRMED.**

**Mr. Fraundorf** asked newly-appointed Planning Commission Member David Sporar, "Would you like to make a few comments?" (*Once again there was laughter from those in attendance.*)

**Planning Commissioner David Sporar**, who was seated in the audience, responded, "Thank you, Council, and thank you for your confidence in me -- and I hope to be of service to the City."

## **COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, AND CLAIMS**

The Clerk of Council stated that she had one item to read into the record.

Mrs. Sekerak read into the record a letter received from Fire Chief Brian Higginbotham of the Newburg Heights Fire Department, dated May 18, 2017, addressed to Seven Hills Fire Chief Michael McConville, regarding a Mutual Aid Call the Seven Hills Fire Department responded to on May 14, 2017 at the White Dove Mattress Factory on Harvard Avenue.

*Said letter, in its entirety, is appended to these minutes as an Exhibit.*

## **COUNCIL OPEN TO THE AUDIENCE ON LEGISLATION ONLY**

There were no questions or comments from the audience.

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## **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**Ordinance No. 62-2017** -- AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE, ADOPT, AND ENACT THE 2017 REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES; TO REPEAL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; TO PUBLISH THE ENACTMENT OF NEW MATTER; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**MOTION** by Mr. Kraynak, seconded Mr. Kukral, to read Ordinance No. 62-2017 by title only for its first and final reading.

Roll Call: all yea

**MOTION CARRIED**

Ordinance No. 62-2017 was read by full title only for its first and final reading.

**MOTION** by Mr. Kraynak, seconded Mr. Kukral, to pass Ordinance No. 62-2017 as an emergency measure.

Roll Call: all yea

**MOTION CARRIED**

**ORDINANCE NO. 62-2017 IS DECLARED PASSED.**

**Ordinance No. 63-2017** – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO WITH THE SHELLY COMPANY OF TWINSBURG, OHIO; APPROPRIATING AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,100,763.08 FOR THE ‘2017 CONCRETE PAVEMENT REHABILITATION & ASPHALT OVERLAY PROGRAM’ IN THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**MOTION** by Mr. Petro, seconded by Mr. Bicker, to read Ordinance No. 63-2017 by title only for its first and final reading.

Roll Call: all yea

**MOTION CARRIED**

Ordinance No. 63-2017 was read by full title only for its first and final reading.

**MOTION** by Mr. Petro, seconded by Mr. Bicker, to pass Ordinance No. 63-2017 as an emergency measure.

Roll Call: all yea

**MOTION CARRIED**

**ORDINANCE NO. 63-2017 IS DECLARED PASSED.**

**Ordinance No. 64-2017** – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO, WITH CHAGRIN VALLEY PAVING, INC., OF CHAGRIN FALLS, OHIO; APPROPRIATING AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$512,209.44 FOR THE ‘2017 ASPHALT PAVEMENT REHABILITATION & ASPHALT OVERLAY PROGRAM’ IN THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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**MOTION** by Mr. Kukral, seconded by Mr. Kraynak, to read Ordinance No. 64-2017 by title only for its first and final reading.

Roll Call: all yea

**MOTION CARRIED**

Ordinance No. 64-2017 was read by full title only for its first and final reading.

**MOTION** by Mr. Kukral, seconded by Mr. Kraynak, to pass Ordinance No. 64-2017 as an emergency measure.

Roll Call: all yea

**MOTION CARRIED**

**ORDINANCE NO. 64-2017 IS DECLARED PASSED.**

**Ordinance No. 65-2017** – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO, WITH COURTVIEW JUSTICE SOLUTIONS (d/b/a Equivant) OF CANTON, OHIO, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PERFORMING ANNUAL MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT OF THE MAYOR’S COURT LEGACY CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM SOFTWARE AND THE RIGHT-TO-USE LICENSE, AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM NOT TO EXCEED TWO THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED NINETY-SEVEN DOLLARS (\$2,297.00) FOR SAID SERVICE.

**Ordinance No. 65-2017 was read by full title only for its first reading.**

**Ordinance No. 66-2017** -- AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A POOL USAGE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO, WITH THE CITY OF BROADVIEW HEIGHTS, OHIO, IN ORDER TO PROVIDE USE OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS RECREATION COMPLEX POOL TO THE RESIDENTS AND MEMBERS OF THE BROADVIEW HEIGHTS RECREATION CENTER WHILE THEIR RECREATION CENTER IS CLOSED FOR CONSTRUCTION.

**Ordinance No. 66-2017 was read by full title only for its first reading.**

**Ordinance No. 67-2017** - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO WITH HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION THROUGH TOTAL MERCHANT SERVICES, FOR CREDIT CARD PROCESSING FOR PAYMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE RECREATION COMPLEX PARKS, RECREATION CLASSES AND ADMISSIONS.

**Ordinance No. 67-2017 was read by full title only for its first reading.**

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**Resolution No. 19-2017** - A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO RENEW PART OF AN EXISTING TAX LEVY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF GARBAGE OR REFUSE, AND REQUESTING THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER TO CERTIFY THE TOTAL CURRENT TAX VALUATION OF THE CITY AND THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF REVENUE THAT WOULD BE GENERATED BY THAT RENEWEL AND DECREASE LEVY, PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 5705.03 AND 5705.19 (V) OF THE REVISED CODE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**MOTION** by Mr. Fraundorf, seconded by Mr. Petro, to read Resolution No. 19-2017 by title only for its first and final reading.

Roll Call: all yea

**MOTION CARRIED**

Resolution No. 19-2017 was read by full title only for its first and final reading.

**MOTION** by Mr. Fraundorf, seconded by Mr. Petro, to adopt Resolution No. 19-2017 as an emergency measure.

Roll Call: all yea

**MOTION CARRIED**

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-2017 IS DECLARED ADOPTED.**

**Resolution No. 20-2017** – A RESOLUTION REPEALING THE TWELVE-MONTH MORATORIUM ON THE CULTIVATION OR SALE OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**MOTION** by Mr. Biasiotta, seconded by Mr. Bicker, to read Resolution No. 20-2017 by title only for its first and final reading.

Roll Call: all yea

**MOTION CARRIED**

Resolution No. 20-2017 was read by full title only for its first and final reading.

**MOTION** by Mr. Biasiotta, seconded by Mr. Bicker, to adopt Resolution No. 20-2017 as an emergency measure.

Roll Call: all yea

**MOTION CARRIED**

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-2017 IS DECLARED ADOPTED.**

**Resolution No. 21-2017** - A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A TEMPORARY UTILITY EASEMENT GRANTED TO THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO, BY YAROSLAV AND VERA KASHITSKIY, FOR THE INSTALLATION, CONSTRUCTION, AND MAINTENANCE OF UTILITIES, TOGETHER WITH ALL APPURTENANCES, ON PERMANENT PARCEL NO. 552-09-002 (2311 Hillside Road); APPROPRIATING THE SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$2,700.00 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF SAID EASEMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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**Resolution No. 22-2017** – A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A TEMPORARY UTILITY EASEMENT GRANTED TO THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO, BY LARISSA LOUKACH, FOR THE INSTALLATION, CONSTRUCTION, AND MAINTENANCE OF UTILITIES, TOGETHER WITH ALL APPUTENANCES, ON PERMANENT PARCEL NO. 552-06-014 (1779 Cherry Lane); APPROPRIATING THE SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$310.00 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF SAID EASEMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**Resolution No. 23-2017** - A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A TEMPORARY UTILITY EASEMENT GRANTED TO THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO, BY KARIN BEAM AND DENNIS J. KOSLA, FOR THE INSTALLATION, CONSTRUCTION, AND MAINTENANCE OF UTILITIES, TOGETHER WITH ALL APPUTENANCES, ON PERMANENT PARCEL NO. 552-06-020 (2120 Cherry Lane); APPROPRIATING THE SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$1,100.00 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF SAID EASEMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**Resolution No. 24-2017** - A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A TEMPORARY UTILITY EASEMENT GRANTED TO THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO, BY GEORGE PAUL DAVIS, JR., FOR THE INSTALLATION, CONSTRUCTION, AND MAINTENANCE OF UTILITIES, TOGETHER WITH ALL APPUTENANCES, ON PERMANENT PARCEL NO. 552-06-055 (1643 Cherry Lane): APPROPRIATING THE SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$310.00 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF SAID EASEMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**Resolution No. 25-2017** - A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A TEMPORARY UTILITY EASEMENT GRANTED TO THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO, BY STEVEN R. AND RUTHIE JETT, FOR THE INSTALLATION, CONSTRUCTION, AND MAINTENANCE OF UTILITIES, TOGETHER WITH ALL APPURTENANCES, ON PERMANENT PARCEL NO. 552-06-011 (1721 Hillside Road); APPROPRIATING THE SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$380.00 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF SAID EASEMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**Resolution No. 26-2017** - A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A TEMPORARY UTILITY EASEMENT GRANTED TO THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO, BY JOHN A. AND MICHELLE SANTORA, FOR THE INSTALLATION, CONSTRUCTION, AND MAINTENANCE OF UTILITIES, TOGETHER WITH ALL APPURTENANCES, ON PERMANENT PARCEL NO. 552-06-048 (1167 Cherry Lane); APPROPRIATING THE SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$310.00 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF SAID EASEMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.



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**Resolution No. 27-2017** - A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A TEMPORARY UTILITY EASEMENT GRANTED TO THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO, BY ELIAS AND GERDA SCHMIDT, TRUSTEES OF SCHMIDT FAMILY TRUST, FOR THE INSTALLATION, CONSTRUCTION, AND MAINTENANCE OF UTILITIES, TOGETHER WITH ALL APPURTENANCES, ON PERMANENT PARCEL NO. 552-08-107 (1787 Nemet Drive) APPROPRIATING THE SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$330.00 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF SAID EASEMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**Resolution No. 28-2017** - A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A TEMPORARY UTILITY EASEMENT GRANTED TO THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO, BY TRACY DEBARR, FOR THE INSTALLATION, CONSTRUCTION, AND MAINTENANCE OF UTILITIES, TOGETHER WITH ALL APPURTENANCES, ON PERMANENT PARCEL NO. 552-07-082 (767 Nemet Drive) APPROPRIATING THE SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$310.00 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF SAID EASEMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

**MOTION** by Mr. Petro, seconded by Mr. Kraynak, to read Resolution Nos. 21-2017 through 28-2017 by title only for their first and final readings, if there is no division of the question.

Roll Call: all yea

**MOTION CARRIED**

Resolution Nos. 21-2017 through 28-2017 were read by full title only for their first and final readings.

**MOTION** by Mr. Petro, seconded by Mr. Kraynak, to adopt Resolution Nos. 21-2017 through 28-2017, as emergency measures, if there is no division of the question.

Roll call: all yea

**MOTION CARRIED**

**RESOLUTION NOS. 21-2017 THROUGH 28-2017 ARE DECLARED ADOPTED.**

## **COUNCIL OPEN TO THE AUDIENCE**

**Tom Jaros, 224 Crescent Ridge Drive**, made the following comments:

“I went home and watched the Hearing video (*Mr. Jaros applauds himself*) -- great MGM Production. Loved it, absolutely loved it. Before the Hearing I talked to Mr. Pignatiello and I told him I wouldn't be participating in a Hearing. Before the Hearing I talked to Mr. DiChiro and told him I wouldn't be participating in it. He knew beforehand I wasn't going to participate. So, when somebody tries to start flapping their gums about how much money that Hearing cost, it's on you. At the point that I didn't participate, there was no need for a Hearing. You can shake your head all you want, Jim. There's Roberts Rules of Order to consider everything else. Rules of Evidence were mentioned during this thing.”

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**Mr. Jaros** continued:

“There was no relation to rules -- Ohio’s Rules of Evidence and what happened there. Prosecutor DiChiro decided to dive into the workings of the Stone Ridge Maintenance Association, of which I am a Board Member. And, one of the witnesses said there was active litigation regarding Stone Ridge and his client and he is a party to that. And why would Prosecutor DiChiro stick his nose into the workings of that particular item, which is due for trial, I think he said August 28, 2017. Active litigation -- you guys won’t talk to anybody if there is a chance of litigation anywhere. But, you and your representative stuck your nose into that. I would not be surprised if you don’t get an order from Judge Ambrose telling you to pull that video down because you might have poisoned his jury pool. Don’t know why it was done. No need for the Hearing -- period. No need. When I told him I wasn’t participating, there was no reason to have it, other than to get said what was said, and try to discredit me further., Everybody watching this needs to know that, and if they haven’t they can go to the Facebook page of Tom Jaros and hear Prosecutor DiChiro say that the whole Hearing was a ‘witch hunt’ in a private meeting that I had with him.”

**Mr. Jaros** continued:

“If you guys haven’t heard the videos -- I’m sure you all have -- if you haven’t heard the audios, you go listen. Everybody else watching this, ought to go listen. Because, he said basically you’re going to talk about stuff that nobody cared about, so the whole purpose of the hearing and the expense to the City was to get personal information out about Tom Jaros. Defamation -- that’s all it was -- defamation. Don’t whine about what this cost, because it’s on you, not me. I cancelled my request for a Hearing. This came because of your insistence. It’s going to be thousands of bucks, but I’m sure you thought it was worth it.”

**Mr. Jaros** continued:

“Because I stepped on Council’s toes, as Prosecutor DiChiro also said on the recording, when I said Council had no business approving the pre-development application for Glenn’s Landing. It was deficient. You knew about it ahead of time. I told you ahead of time. It was wrong. The traffic study submitted was not valid, it was not legitimate. It was a lie. But, you guys, via Councilman Trafis’ floor motion, approved it anyhow. He was landlocked. His traffic study didn’t indicate that he was landlocked, but he was landlocked. The Independence Planning Commission told him he was not coming on to Oak Tree. That was his ingress/egress in that traffic study. And, you guys accepted it for whatever reason. I would like to know.....why? What’s the benefit to the City of your violating a City Development Ordinance, that called for a legitimate traffic study? Because, it wasn’t legitimate. You all knew it was illegitimate and you voted for it. How did the City benefit from that? Who benefitted? Nobody. So, great job, great job with the tax payers.”

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**Mr. Jaros** concluded:

“Hope you had fun at this. But, you ought to just face the facts -- you blew it! You never paid me. The Ordinance says you have to pay me. The burden isn’t on me to say ‘*where’s my money?*’ You just didn’t pay me. You lied about when I submitted the information to get paid. I can prove that. I am not going to bother. I don’t care. I wouldn’t want to be a part of this thing anymore. The Planning Commission is doing the same stuff the old Planning Commission did. They are no better, and you guys are proving it. So, you are no better than the old Council. We’ve seen all this before. You guys are just the replay of what we had. You just got your brains beat in with that full-time Mayor crap -- 82% to 18%. Smell the coffee. Residents don’t trust you. If they believed anything they heard at that hearing, I’d be surprised. Eight people watched it, eight people watched it live. Good job. Glad I supported you guys. Glad I voted for you guys. Congratulations!”

## **REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR-SAFETY DIRECTOR**

**Mayor Dell’Aquila** gave the following report:

This last week the City of Seven Hills and the Parma City School District, in fact our entire region, suffered a serious loss with the death of Rosemary Gulick, long-time Board member of PCSD. A really dedicated woman -- cared so much about the community. Some of the residents of our town who are of a certain age remember her as an elementary school teacher here at John Glenn for many years. So involved in the education of children that she continued working on the Board through some very serious treatments. I last saw her at the Taste of Seven Hills function. She was in a wheelchair but still bright and cheerful and mentally alert. What a great loss, just a great human being. I don’t know how we replace somebody like that? On behalf of the City, I just want to say she will be missed, and thank you to her and people like her who are willing to give up so much of their personal lives for the benefit of our community.

On a happier note, I am pleased to report that our Building Commissioner, Rich Vittardi, is doing better. He is recuperating from his recent medical procedure. He is very anxious to come back to work. He is in regular contact with the Building Department. I wouldn’t at all be surprised to see him back in the office sometime after the Memorial Day Holiday.

## **REPORTS FROM THE DIRECTORS OF DEPARTMENTS AND OTHER OFFICIALS**

**Director of Finance Herwick** had no formal report.

**Director of Law Pignatiello** had no formal report.

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**Director of Public Service and Properties Lovece** had no formal report

**Building Commissioner Vittardi** was not present.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

**Mr. Fraundorf** stated he had a floor motion to entertain.

**MOTION** by Mr. Fraundorf, seconded by Mr. Trafis, to confirm the Planning Commission's recommendation to accept the Proposed Amendment to the Preliminary Development Plan Submission of LSB Seven Hills for Rockside Crossings.

Roll Call: all yea

**MOTION CARRIED**

**The Planning Commission's recommendation to accept the proposed amendment to the Preliminary Development Plan Submission of LSB Seven Hills has been approved.**

**Mr. Fraundorf** continued:

I would like to make a comment about the Resolution declaring it necessary to renew part of the existing tax for our garbage or refuse. I hope that everyone sees that the sentence, second to the last, talks about a renewal and decrease in our levy. Decreased millage in the levy, which means a tax decrease for our residents. Our belief is that we have sufficient funds to carry us through the balance of our contract. So we feel that whenever we can reduce taxes it's always a good thing. It's Council's intention to place this levy on the ballot for a refuse renewal and decrease in the amount of millage.

**Mr. Petro:**

I would like to welcome Sonja and David.

**Mr. Kukral:**

I am very happy to have Sonja and David here. Great new additions to the City. Welcome.

**Mr. Kraynak** had miscellaneous comments.

**Mr. Bicker:**

I, too, would like to congratulate Sonja and David. I think you will do a really great job.

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**Mr. Biasiotta:**

I would like to start by congratulating Mrs. Herwick and Mr. Sporar on their new positions. I look forward to working with both of you.

I also would like to give my condolences to the Gulick family. Rosemary and Tom are residents of Ward 1 and so is their daughter on Old Rockside. I have known them for some time. Many contributions to the Community -- and I hope when we reconvene again, that we do a Resolution of Commendation for her decades of service to the community. Once again, my condolences to that family.

**Council President Trafis:**

I also want to express my sympathy to the Gulick family. I have known Mrs. Gulick a long time, and she has been a very dedicated member of our community and did a lot of good for a lot of children in our district.

I also want to mention a former Recreation Board Member, long-time serving back in the day, who passed away -- Roger Causey. He served our City for I don't know how long and in a pretty much, volunteer capacity. He will be missed as well.

Council discussed a couple of weeks ago the temporary hiring of four kids for summer help in the Service Department. I have been told that the Mayor signed off on it and the Service Director signed off. We didn't talk about it in Caucus, but nothing has changed other than we have to lift the hiring freeze. Is everyone okay with doing that this evening?

**MOTION** by Mr. Trafis, seconded by Mr. Kukral, to lift the hiring freeze to hire four (4) temporary Service Department workers. Paid at the rate in the Union Contract, beginning today, May 22, 2017 to Labor Day, 2017.

**Council President Trafis** stated:

“I will just mention whoever is hired is at the sole authority of the Mayor and Service Director.”

Roll Call: all yea

**MOTION CARRIED**

**The hiring freeze has been lifted to hire four (4) temporary Service Department workers commencing May 22, 2017 to Labor Day, 2017.**

**Council President Trafis** continued:

We are moving forward quickly with our 2017 Road Program. We are very excited that the bids came in much lower than we had anticipated. We were comfortable borrowing at least \$3 million for this Road Program and the total amount of the bids came in at just over \$2.6 million.

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## **Council President Trafis** (continued):

So, we are very excited that the number is lower and pretty soon we are going to see orange barrels across our City. This is the first step in a long process to get our infrastructure back in better shape. I am very excited that, we as a City, are able to achieve this goal.

The last thing I would like to mention -- you know it has been an interesting few weeks -- but I think it has been pretty good overall. I am seeing a lot of progress with Council and the Administration working together on a number of things.

I was going through just the past couple of meetings. We confirmed the appointments of the Finance Director, a Building Commissioner, a Planning Commission Member, and two Inspectors, all of whom Mayor Dell'Aquila recommended and Council agreed to. I think that is a lot of progress. I think good things are happening, and it is good to see all of us working together.

## **Council President Trafis** concluded:

Finally, as many of us already know, there is an excess of money in our Sanitary Sewer Fund and our Storm Sewer Fund. That money is generated through the annual assessment that our residents receive in the mail. There are some projects that I believe the Engineer and Service Director have identified, but I am asking residents to help us out.

Contact one of your Elected Officials if you know of any sewer issue that is located on City property. It can be as simple as a catch basin or as big as collapsed pipes. We need help identifying projects and if you can bring them to our attention, hopefully, we can send our Engineer and Service Director out to look at it.

We are not going to be able to achieve every project this summer but we are going to get this process started. Although sewer repair may not be an exciting thing, it is a very important thing for our City. We are going to be making a lot of progress on that this summer as well.

So, with that, I am thankful to everybody for being here tonight. I enjoy seeing these big crowds.

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**MOTION** by Mr. Trafis, seconded by Mr. Bicker, to adjourn the meeting.  
Roll Call: all yea **MOTION CARRIED**

**The March 22, 2017 Council Meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.**

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Matthew A. Trafis, President of Council

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Carol L. Sekerak, Clerk of Council

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Transcribed 6/23/17  
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**Newburgh Heights Fire Department**  
4105 Harvard Ave.  
Newburgh Heights, Ohio 44105



Seven Hills Fire-Rescue Department  
7195 Broadview Road  
Seven Hills, Ohio, 44131

Date: May 18, 2017

Dear Chief Michael McConville,

On the behalf of the Newburgh Heights Fire Department, the Administration, and the residents of the Village of Newburgh Heights, we would like to thank your department for your timely response to our call for mutual aid on Sunday May 14, 2017. We had a working fire at the White Dove Mattress Factory, 3201 Harvard Ave.

With your department's help and the help of our Cuyahoga Valley Fire Department Response Area the fire was extinguished with minimal damage to the structure. The factory did have heavy smoke damage to the raw materials and finish product in the factory, but because of everyone's effort the factory should be able to reopen early next week and be back in business.

We are fortunate to have your highly trained and qualified department on our Automatic Aid Box (MABAS) and appreciate your continued partnership. Thanks to you and your department for being part of that team.

Sincerely,

*Brian K. Higginbotham*

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Fire Chief

Newburgh Heights Fire Department